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SUBJECT: ANGOLA-NAMIBIA BORDER SITUATION

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1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL PORTUGUESE AND SOUTH AFRICAN SOURCES THE PORTUGUESE ARE NOW IN TENUOUS CONTROL OF THE FRONTIER BETWEEN ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA AT THE MAIN BORDER CROSSING POINT BELOW PEREIRA D'ECA. A MIXED PORTUGUESE-UNITA FORCE IS BEING SENT THERE TO REESTABLISH FIRM CONTROL. THE FRONTIER IS OPEN BUT THE PORTUGUESE DO NOT RECOMMEND TRAVEL THROUGH THE AREA.

2. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PIECE TOGETHER A COHERENT STORY FROM THE VARIOUS SOURCES. APPARENTLY UNITA TOOK CONTROL OF THE BORDER CROSSING POINTS AROUND MARCH 22. A SOUTH AFRICAN

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CONSULAR OFFICER WHO VISITED THERE LAST WEEK SAID A

BARE-FOOT RAG-TAG GROUP OF 15 UNITA IRREGULARS OCCUPIED THE BORDER POST AND EXPELLED THE PORTUGUESE BORDER GUARDS AND THEIR FAMILIES INTO NAMIBIA. UNITA PERMITTED SOME TRAFFIC TO CROSS THE BORDER BUT MADE THOROUGH SEARCHES OF TRAVELERS AND VEHICLES, CONFISCATING ALL WEAPONS, WHETHER REGISTERED OR NOT. HE SAID UNITA WAS OPERATING INSIDE NAMIBIA, RECRUITING AMONG THE OVAMBOS. REPORTS THAT SWAPO WAS STOPPING CARS INSIDE ANGOLA ON THE MAIN ROAD FROM PEREIRA D'ECA TO NAMIBIA ARE, ACCORDING TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN, UNTRUE.

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